Ms. Barbara Gregory
(Please Forward to Mr. Mark Rabinowitz)
American Numismatic Association
818 N. Cascade Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279

October 24, 2001

Dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I read with great interest your article in the November 2001 The Numismatist entitled "The Remarkable Collections of Emmet and Myers".

Your passionate enthusiasm for the subject was very evident. The research undertaken by you must have been enormous. You have shown how important it is for collections to be made available to the public as well as assembling the personal life history of the donors. I mention these collections along with others on page 28 of my 4th edition and prior editions of Early Paper Money of America. I examined the collections long ago.

I feel I must call your attention to your comment on page 1354, col. 2. in which I omitted some Delaware items from my book. I do not believe I did but the text composition was too crowded. If you believe I am correct the editor may wish to publish a correction. I only wish you had notified me first as others with suggestions often do. It may be fun to correct others but not to leave egg on your face.

If at any time you wish to see some of our collection in St. Louis I think you would enjoy it.

Keep researching and writing,

Eric P. Newman

Cc: Barbara Gregory

J. S. RAGSDALE, D.D.S., LTD.
75 EAST BIRCH
CANTON, ILLINOIS 61520
TELEPHONE 647-3424

1-8-83

[redacted]

Dear Mr. Bowers,

I am writing a paper on the dental health of the Presidents of the United States and the dentists serving them before, during and after the Presidency. I am enclosing a portion of a letter from Mrs Lester concerning dental bills paid by President Jefferson. These apparently were for members of his household. Would you give me an explanation of the charges made at the bottom of the page?

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I am very pleased that you are regaining control of the coin firm. I have not been as satisfied with the service since you left.

Respectfully,

Jack S. Ragsdale D.D.S.

BOWERS AND MERENA GALLERIES, INC.

BOX 1224
WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(603) 569-5095

January 12, 1983

[redacted]

Dear Dr. Ragsdale:

Thank you for your letter. I have forwarded your letter and enclosure to Mr. Eric P. Newman, 6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105. He may have more specific information for you.

If the entries dated 1772 and 1776 are in the English system, then the notation you described would refer to shillings (a shilling being one-twentieth of a pound sterling, and a pound sterling, I believe, having a value at the time in the range of $4.50 - $5.00). The entry under 1789 refers to French coinage. The entries of 1793 may refer to the American system of dollars. Those from 1803 through 1808 may likewise refer to dollars, although it seems to me that $5.00 for extracting a tooth would represent a very steep charge at the time. The letter "d" (in lower case) referred to the time to the English penny. It was not at all uncommon for bills to be calculated in the English monetary system as late as the early nineteenth century although the American system of dollars was in place. But, on the other hand, charging just 2¢ or 5¢ for extracting a tooth seems to be on the low side.

As noted, perhaps Eric Newman can provide further data.

Good luck with your project!

Sincerely yours,

Q. David Bowers

QDB/kj

cc: Eric P. Newman ✓

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

January 24, 1983

[redacted]

Dear Dr. Birch:

My friend, David Bowers, has suggested that I help you in your inquiry on presidential dental charges. We are glad to give you our opinion.

The 1772 and 1776 charges of 30/, 20/, and 40/ are in shillings, but these are Virginia shillings, not sterling (English) shillings. Six Virginia shillings were equal to one Spanish Dollar and were the Colonial currency standard of Virginia. English shillings were about 4½ to the Spanish Dollar and thus of greater worth.

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Thus, dental charges were rather uniform for Jefferson.

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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cc: Mr. Q. David Bowers

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CONFEDERATE NUMISMATIC RESEARCH SOCIETY

May 12, 1952

Dear Fellow-Collector:

This is to advise you of the formation on March 12th, 1952 of the CONFEDERATE NUMISMATIC RESEARCH SOCIETY, and to solicit your active membership in this group. CNRS now has 29 members.

In the paragraphs following will be found a discussion of its reason for being, membership requirements, etc.

1. Object: to form a corresponding society which will inspire, promote, and publicize individual and communal research on the issues and history of the Treasury Department of the Confederate States of America, and on kindred subjects.

2. Membership requirements: that the applicant
   a. be actively interested in, or a collector of, CSA Treasury notes and/or public and private note issues, tokens, etc, of the individual Confederate States of the period 1861-65,
   b. be 18 years or over for regular membership, or under 18 years of age for junior membership,
   c. will sincerely support CNRS objectives and projects,
   d. will, when and where possible, engage in personal and group research on the fiscal history and issues of the Confederate States.

3. Publications: an official quarterly newsletter which will bring to CNRS members a running bibliography of past and current articles and books on Confederate numismatics, sources of information and supply, and news of CNRS and its members. CNRS has been assured by the editor of the Numismatist, official monthly magazine of the American Numismatic Association, and by the officers of the ANA, that the pages of the Numismatist will be open to meritorious articles by CNRS members; this generous cooperation will assistus in avoiding now the immediate and heavy financial burden of publishing a separate journal for reporting our research.

4. Dues: for any regular member of ANA who receives the Numismatist without further charge, dues are $3.00 a year. For any non-member of ANA dues will be $3.00 a year plus a journal fee of $2.00 a year to cover the purchase and mailing of those issues of the Numismatist containing articles on Confederate numismatics (from two to four issues during each calendar year).

Apt. 4-D
1001 President St.
Brooklyn 25, N. Y.

Sincerely,

L. Miles Raisig

L. Miles Raisig, President

This has been sent you by request of Matt Rothert, Camden, Ark. Please see page 498, Mar. 1952 Numismatist.

L. Miles Raisig
Apt. 4-D
1001 President St.
Brooklyn 25, N. Y.

Date_____

Month, day, year of birth_____

I wish to apply for ( )Regular ( )Junior membership in CNRS for 1952 and enclose

( )$3.00 membership fee
( )$2.00 journal fee

Name_____ Occupation_____

Address_____

Numismatic & Philatelic affiliations_____

Historical society affiliations_____

I collect_____

I specialize in_____

Remarks_____

PLEASE MAKE YOUR REMITTANCE PAYABLE TO:

CONFEDERATE NUMISMATIC RESEARCH SOCIETY

September 8, 1954

Mr. L. Miles Raisig
Apartment 4-D
1001 President St.
Brooklyn 25, New York

Dear Mr. Raisig:

I was very interested in your article on the Express Train which came out in the September "Antiques" and thought that I could give you a few suggestions which might be helpful.

The Bank of Columbus $5 note which you illustrate is dated January 1, 1859 and there was a previous issue of September 1, 1856 engraved by Baldwin, Bald & Cousland, New York. I have also noticed, in my collection, that I have Danby Bank Vermont with the Express Train on both the $1 and the $5 bill dated April 1, 1856. The one is engraved by Bald, Cousland & Company, Philadelphia, and the other is engraved by Baldwin, Adams & Company, New York. The dates these firms were in business would give you the date when the engravings were made.

Primarily, I am writing you to give you my thoughts as to what Ormsby says. His book, published in 1852, uses the Express Train with the ship in the background. He uses a genuine steel engraving which was previously used on bank notes. Likewise, he indicates that the Express Train with the ship was copied from a bank note with the Express Train going under a bridge. In other words, both genuine engravings of the Express Train were in existence before 1852. Ormsby does not indicate that his engraving is counterfeit. It is only the note which is made up of the component parts which is counterfeit. You will also notice, in Ormsby, that he has the cut of the Express Train listed on one plate along with a number of other cuts and the series of four notes using this cut on the other plate.

I enjoyed your article very much.

September 8, 1954

Mr. L. Miles Raising
Brooklyn, New York

Incidentally, you asked me to join the Confederate States numismatic group a number of years ago. I do have a great interest in that subject and any time any one gets around to revising Bradbeers, as to state issues, I will be glad to cooperate as much of that information was inaccurate. I have an intense interest in all the research you are doing and you may feel free to ask me any questions with respect to any of my paper money as I have a fairly respectable collection of it.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Philip W. Ralls, President
Early American Coppers, Inc.
Box 631
1200 North State St.
Los Angeles, CA 90023

May 30, 1991

RE: Clapp Cent Substitution Matter

Dear Dr. Ralls,

Your reply of April 29, 1991 to our letter dated April 15, 1991 is acknowledged. I have been in Europe for a month and just came home and read your letter.

We are disappointed at the position you chose to take as an organization as we thought you might encourage your membership to help the American Numismatic Society locate the missing ANS coins. We notice in your April 29, 1991 letter that you use the word "owners" whereas we used the word "possessors" and we do not know if you are taking a position by doing so.

In checking Penny-Wise for March 15, 1991 and May 15, 1991 we find no inclusion of the ANS news release (or any data from it) which was sent to you on February 16, 1991. We note a detailed write-up of the Boston convention which contains no mention of our April 15, 1991 letter to you. We believe that at least the February 16, 1991 ANS news release should be published in Penny-Wise in some form as it is a major event or happening in U.S. One Cent matters and your members would expect to see it. There is no reason to assume that each of your members is already aware of the matter. Your members, in our opinion, are also entitled to know about it because lack of knowledge of it by any member or members may result in further problems or perhaps some of your members might personally wish to help ANS locate its coins.

We believe that on further consideration you and your editor will want to publish at least the February 16, 1991 ANS news release and are enclosing another copy for your convenience. We are sending a copy of this letter and its enclosure directly to Harry E. Salyards, the editor of Penny-Wise. Please have your editor contact us or ANS if any more information is needed for publication.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman
President

Phil Ralls April 30, 1997

[redacted]

Dear Mr. Ralls:

Mr Newman asked that I check our library holdings and respond to your inquiry as to Newcomb's US Cents of 1801-1803.

We have one cloth bound copy with a pencil notation "44" on the first fly leaf, top right corner. We have no supplemental plates nor do we seem to have the addenda slip (if it was loose). There is a pasted-in addition in 1803 section No. 9 Obverse 5b reverse ld. We also have a green thread, bound-in bookmark.

There are no annotations nor inscriptions in the book.

We hope this information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 17, 1988

Ralston Purina
835 South 8th Street
St. Louis, MO 63102

Attention: Ms. Sandy Harrington
Public Relations

Dear Ms. Harrington:

We wish to thank you for sending for our museum use the Meow Mix cartons covering your coin promotion. We hope to use them in one of our displays such as the United Nation food for all coinage or some other related matter. It occurred to me that examples of your other products having coin giveaways might be helpful. If you have paper money giveaway cartons, I think that should be added to the collection also.

I appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Suzanne Ramljak
The American Federation of Arts
41 East 65th Street
New York, NY 10021

January 23, 1998

Dear Ms. Ramljak:

We are glad to respond positively to your loan request for our $1 Branch County Bank, Branch MI note with Mount's subject material portrayed. Ms. Deborah J. Johnson of your curatorial team is now in possession of this note for photographing etc. and you may retain the piece throughout the loan period. We also loaned to Ms. Johnson a $5 Exchange Bank note of Holley Springs MS which was not enumerated on the loan request. We therefore conclude that this will not be included in your exhibition. Although Ms. Johnson did not specifically say she wanted both for the traveling exhibition, I inferred it from our conversations. Please double check with Ms. Johnson so we have clarity on this matter.

We do not presently have any photographs or color transparencies of the Branch County piece. Our permanent records for indentification are in other media. As our form indicates, you may create the necessary images in the manner you deem best.

We wish you the best on your exhibit and are glad we can be of help with our loan. On a side note of interest, the numismatic inclusion in the exhibit will be especially appropriate at your last stop at the Amon Carter Museum in Texas. Mr. Carter's son, Amon Carter Jr. was a very accomplished numismatist who at one time had one of the finest collections in the country, including an unparalleled paper money collection.

If you do indeed wish to borrow the Holley Springs $5 note, please send us the paper work and we will be happy to loan it as well. If not, we will be in contact with Ms. Johnson for other arrangements.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas Serfass
Curator

cc: Deborah J. Johnson
encls: loan agreement

AVON OLD FARMS SCHOOL
AVON, CONNECTICUT 06001

2 March 1979

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P. O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

It was a real pleasure talking with you about Avon Old Farms' Continental Currency collection gift, and I am glad finally to have found the most knowledgeable man in this field in the country. Your kind offer of help in producing information for a news story, material that might be used for display labels, and suggestions of places that would like to display the collection on loan will be much appreciated.

I am enclosing, as you requested, the itemization of the currency together with the description and appraised value. I'm also enclosing a copy of the Fact Sheet about Avon Old Farms School, the description of the buildings, and a color photo ot two of the campus, as per our discussion. Avon Old Farms Inc. is a tax exempt non-profit institution, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service Codes.

We understand that your services as a foundation are free, and we will be glad to reimburse any out of pocket expenses incurred by you in helping us promote this worthy project, which we hope will be the start of a larger collection, as I mentioned.

I think if you want to talk with Paul Adams for any further details, yourbest bet is to call me, and I will find out if Paul Adams is in the state at that point, as he travels a good deal. Also, it probably would be a good idea to channel all communications back and forth concerning the collection through the School, as this will keep everybody informed. But if there are questions concerning the collection which only Mr. Adams can answer for you, I know that he will be happy to do so.

I eagerly await your thoughts on our collection, appreciate the caution that you give in regard to stating specifically that the $25,000 valuation is the donor's valuation (I'm fairly sure that this is the case, but am checking this point out), and, as I say, welcome further thoughts from you.

Thanks once again so much for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Clark Ramsey
Director of Financial
Development

GCR:dc

Enclosures

cc: George M. Trautman
Paul W. Adams

ITEMIZATION OF COLONIAL CURRENCY
DELIVERED TO AVON OLD FARMS SCHOOL, INC.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	APPRAISED VALUE
1	Conn. 7/1/1780 20S	$ 175.00
1	Conn. 7/1/1780 20S HC	87.50
1	Conn. 3/1/1780 10S	375.00
1	Conn. 3/1/1780 40S	375.00
1	Conn. 6/7/1776 1S	875.00
2	Del. 1/1/1776 4S	1,100.00
3	Del. 1/1/1776 6S	1,900.00
1	Del. 1/1/1776 10S	725.00
1	Del. 1/1/1776 20S	675.00
1	Georgia 1776 $10 Light Blue	1,875.00
1	Maryland 4/10/1774 $2/3	275.00
4	Maryland 4/10/1774 $4	2,250.00
1	Maryland 4/10/1774 $6	375.00
1	Mass. 5/5/1780 $1	275.00
1	Mass. 5/5/1780 $8	825.00
1	Mass. 5/5/1780 $20	225.00
2	N. H. 4/29/1780 $3	1,000.00
2	N. H. 4/29/1780 $5	1,000.00
1	N. H. 4/29/1780 $7	775.00
1	N. Y. 9/2/1775 $10	1,125.00
1	N. J. 3/25/1776 18d	475.00
2	N. J. 3/25/1776 3S	925.00
1	N. J. 3/25/1776 30S	375.00
1	N. J. 3/25/1776 3LBS	875.00

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	APPRAISED VALUE
2	N. C. 12/1771 5S	$ 1,250.00
1	Penn. 3/20/1771 15S	625.00
1	Penn. 4/3/1772 18d	625.00
1	Penn. 10/1/1773 5S	375.00
1	Penn. 10/1/1773 15S	325.00
1	Penn. 10/1/1773 50S	225.00
1	Penn. 10/25/1775 9d	175.00
1	Penn. 12/8/1775 30S	100.00
1	Penn. 4/25/1776 20S	197.50
1	Penn. 4/25/1776 40S	195.00
1	Penn. 4/10/1777 3d	275.00
1	Penn. 4/10/1777 4d	275.00
1	Penn. 4/10/1777 18d	75.00
1	Rhode Island 7/2/1780 $7	250.00
1	Rhode Island 5/1786 1S	325.00
1	Virginia 5/7/1781 $100	725.00
1	Cont. Curr. 2/17/1776 $½	125.00
1	Cont. Curr. 11/2/1776 $30	240.00
1	Cont. Curr. 9/26/1778 $60	162.50
2	Albums containing various pieces of colonial fiscal paper and other items dating from the colonial period and the early 1800's.	

Accepted by Avon Old Farms School, Inc.

George Trautman, Headmaster

Date

Exhibit it for a couple of years
then can be sold
Non profit organization

Paul Adams, special counsel for
school, knows the lawyer but
does not know the donor.

[redacted]

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 6, 1979

Mr. Gordon Clark Ramsey
Avon Old Farms School
Avon, CT 06001

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

Your letter of March 2, 1979 is acknowledged along with its enclosure. We always have been pleased to be helpful with respect to numismatic matters, but in your situation we must ask to be excused.

You told me that the gift of the American Colonial Currency was from an anonymous donor and that you did not know who the donor's appraiser was. You also told me that the items given were to be held by the School for several years before they could be sold. Assuming the listed currency is in nice condition, and after reviewing the appraisal, we feel it is best that we take no part in the matter.

We regret having to turn you down as we realize you are enthusiastic about the gift and look forward to future gifts from the same donor. You also must realize that there is nothing you have done which affects our decision.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

jah

bc: American Numismatic Society

December 1, 1965

Rare Coin Company of America
31 North Clark
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Gentlemen:

You asked me a question, at Roosevelt University, about the old-fashioned S and I have rechecked a 1776 document, carefully, and find that I should modify what I stated, very slightly.

Capital letters are always the new S. The old S is used in every situation except as the last letter of a word. Where there is a double S, the same rule applies so that if a double S is at the end of the word the first S is old-fashioned, and the second S is modern.

If the foregoing does not conform to your investigation, please let me know.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

31 NORTH CLARK ST.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602
AREA 312 - 346-3443
CABLE: "RARCOA"

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RARE COIN COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC.

Professional Numismatic Brokers and Appraisers

SOLD TO

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

DATE	BY		TERMS	AMOUNT RECEIVED
3/16/69	DF	certified	NET	CHG

STOCK NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	8 Piece set of Cooper Hill, Mo. cardboard tokens	$25.00
	I took the liberty of sending you an 8 piece set at $25. Since we only had a couple each of the 1,2,& 3¢ tokens, we did not advertise them. If you would rather have only the 5 piece set, just return the other three tokens. Thank you for the order.	
	Dennis Forgue	

SUB-TOTAL	25.00
TAX	
TOTAL	25.00

PRINTED FIGURES ABOVE SHOW AMOUNT PAID OR CHARGED.

No. M 13438

INVOICE - CUSTOMER COPY

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 14, 1969

Mr. Dennis Forgue
Rarcos
31 North Clark
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mr. Forgue:

The set of Fleer & Langenberg tokens arrived and I appreciate the fact that you offered the three lower denominations, also.

Would you be nice enough to send me another 2¢ card in place of the one I received. I don't mind if it is a little dirtier as there are some chips off the back of the one which you sent me which are a little disconcerting. I will, of course, return the 2¢ piece I have when you send another one. These will be nice additions to my collection.

Thanks for your helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/stb

RARCOA
RARE COIN COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC.
31 NORTH CLARK STREET • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 • PHONE 312 346-3443

MESSAGE

TO Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri 63175

DATE March 20, 1969

Dear Mr. Newman,

I went through the few 8 piece sets and picked the best 2¢ token out and have enclosed it herein. I hope that you are satisfied with the set. Thank you for your order. We will keep you in mind if we find any other unusual Missouri material.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Forgue

Dennis Forgue

BY

REPLY

DATE

SIGNED

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 4, 1970

Rare Coin Company of America
31 North Clark
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Gentlemen:

With respect to the ANA convention in St. Louis, you are handling the auction. I presume you will have a local auctioneer and that you will arrange for appropriate licensing of the auction and for any sales taxes chargeable on retail sales of the material auctioned.

If there is any information which you require either I or someone else on our committee will try to accommodate you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 4, 1970

Rare Coin Company of America
31 North Clark
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Gentlemen:

We know of an instance where you have given your written opinion on the genuineness of a 1955 double die cent and, no doubt, you have given other opinions on that coin.

Would you be nice enough to advise us as to the characteristics you have found on the forgeries which enable you to distinguish them from the genuine pieces? We are asked, from time to time, concerning these matters and for that reason would like to have any additional available information on the subject.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

RARCOA
RARE COIN COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC.
31 NORTH CLARK STREET • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 • PHONE 312 346-3443

MESSAGE	REPLY

TO Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

DATE September 23, 1970

Dear Eric,

David requested that I send you one of the 1955 Double Die cents from our next sale. I have herein enclosed Lot # 256 from that sale. Gen. Newton had an original roll of these coins, and these five coins in the sale are the remainder of that roll.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Forgue

BY

DATE

SIGNED

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 28, 1970

Mr. Dennis Forgue
Rare Coin Company of America, Inc.
31 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Dennis:

Thank you, very much, for sending me Lot 256 of your coming sale, being the 1955 double die cent.

The surface and color are lovely. The fingerprint marks are inconsequential. However, the dents on the forehead and shoulder are substantial as well as the dent on the reverse near the lower extremity of the wheat stem. Would you be nice enough to look at the other four and see if any of those are free of any heavy dents.

I hate to bother you on something of this sort but would appreciate it so much if you would check the matter and write me.

The coin is returned, with thanks.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

cc
Mr. Al Levy
8112 Delano Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63130

CERTIFIED MAIL

RARCOA

RARE COIN COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC.

31 NORTH CLARK STREET • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 • PHONE 312 346-3443

MESSAGE

TO Mr. Eric P. Newman

P.O. Box 14020

St. Louis, Mo. 63178

DATE September 29, 1970

Dear Eric,

I have herein enclosed the other four 1955 double die cents from our Oct. 17 sale. They are lots 257 - 260. For your inspection.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Forgue

BY

REPLY

DATE

SIGNED

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 5, 1970

Mr. Dennis Forgue
Rare Coin Company of America, Inc.
31 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Dennis:

Many thanks for sending me the other four double die cents. I now know which have discolorations and which have dents and will guide myself accordingly. The pieces are returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

RARCOA
RARE COIN COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC.
31 NORTH CLARK STREET • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 • PHONE 312 346-3443

MESSAGE

TO ERIC P. NEWMAN
6450 CECIL AVE.
ST. LOUIS, 5, MO. 63105

DATE 2-26-71

DEAR ERIC - THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER. AM ENCLOSING THE 2 UNLISTED WASH PIECES. BILL ANTON SAID THE YORKTOWN PIECE OBVERSE IS THE SAME OBVERSE AS H-K 145 - BUT KNOWS NOTHING ELSE ABOUT EITHER PIECE. I'VE CHECKED THE NUMISMATIST INDEXES WITHOUT A CLUE. I'M SURE YOU WILL HAVE BETTER SUCCESS THAN ME, THEREFORE I SEND THE ACTUAL PIECES. Many Thanks,
Ben Odesser

BY

REPLY

DATE

Returned
8/11/71

SIGNED

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MESSAGE

TO ERIC P. NEWMAN
6450 CECIL AVE
ST. LOUIS, 5, MO.

DATE 6-7-71

DEAR ERIC — ON 2-26-71 I SENT YOU THE 2 WASHINGTON PIECES THAT WERE UNLISTED. I KNOW YOU'RE A BUSY MAN AND THAT YOU MAY HAVE TO CONSULT WITH THE FULDS.

SO, WILL YOU PLEASE FAVOR ME WITH ANY PROGRESS YOU HAVE MADE RE THESE PIECES?

MANY THANKS

Sincerely
Ben Odesser

BY

REPLY

DATE

SIGNED

INSTRUCTIONS TO SENDER
1 KEEP YELLOW COPY 2 SEND WHITE AND PINK COPIES

INSTRUCTIONS TO RECEIVER
WRITE REPLY KEEP PINK COPY SIGN WHITE COPY AND RETURN

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 15, 1972

Mr. Dennis Forgue
Rarcoa
31 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Dennis:

The $20 Apr. 1778 Yorktown counterfeit is the one described in the text on page 354. I am changing it because of your inquiry. The S in DOLLARS in both the genuine and the counterfeit is small so I am removing that comment. I am making the black and white distinction in the right border apply only to the lower case letters as the capitals seem to have white in both instances.

I hope this clears everything up. The pictures can clear up your problem positively.

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

EPN
atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

THE STATE OF NEW YORK NATIONAL BANK

301 WALL STREET, KINGSTON, NEW YORK 12401

HARRY RIGBY, JR.
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT
ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

April 23rd, 1971

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society,
6450 Cecil Avenue,
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Some intensive research indicates conclusively that the fractional currency notes of 1790 did indeed originate in Kingston, New York.

The original records of the ("corporation") of the Town of Kingston have been lost or destroyed. At any rate, their fate or whereabouts are unknown.

However, I secured access to the notes of a diligent and trustworthy historian of the 19th century (Randall R. Hoes) who had copied two references from the original minute book and a third from an historical work published in 1881. I believe they will give you a fairly comprehensive rundown on the notes.

I am also enclosing a greatly condensed and simplified account on the fractional currency notes issued by the Village of Kingston in 1862.

Yours sincerely,

Harry Rigby Jr.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 27, 1971

Mr. Harry Rigby, Jr.
The State of New York National Bank
301 Wall Street, Kingston, New York 12401

Dear Mr. Rigby:

To have a diligent researcher like you cooperate so promptly on a difficult matter is so appreciated. Thank you for the excerpts.

Mr. Hoe couldn't read the minutes well when he copied 75 from the minutes. Actually, it must have been £75.

The History of Orange County reference which you sent says "Kingston Paper Money" but was meant to be Kingston Papers. Would you look in the 1881 history and see if there is any paper money items in the index. I would be grateful.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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CONNECTICUT COLLEGE NEW LONDON
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Department of
Art History

July 27, 1988

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your call yesterday morning and for the information you gave me over the telephone.

As I told you, I am working on a book on George Caleb Bingham's art and politics and I enclose a recent article in Smithsonian Studies in American Art, based in part on the work I have been doing.

In the course of my recent research, I have become interested in images on Missouri banknotes and have come up with only spotty references to them. Being able to see so many on display in the Mercantile Money Museum was a treat, but I want to be able to find more information about them. Your book on the History of Money in Missouri will undoubtedly fill the gap, but until its publication I must look elsewhere. I am particularly interested in bank notes of the early 19th century up to the Civil War. I was able to locate several of your publications in the Yale Library and will pursue those. I also have used the Numismatic Society Library in New York.

At this moment, I am very interested in the $50 Bank of the State of Missouri note with the images of Boone and Benton. I would like very much to know more about its date and its history. I also would like to obtain a photograph of it. As I told you, I have a chapter in my book on Bingham and Benton and am particularly interested in the Benton image as it might relate to other portraits of him.

I am extremely grateful for your help and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rash

Nancy Rash
Chairman

P.S. In your reply, could you please use my home address where I work during the summer.
[redacted]

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 8, 1988

[redacted]

Dear Ms. Rash:

Your letter of July 27, 1988 is acknowledged. I am enclosing in accordance with your wishes photocopies of two notes in our collection, one bearing a Frontiersman and Thomas Benton and the other bearing Benton, Linn, Van Buren and Jackson. To add to your Bingham research, I am enclosing a photocopy of a few bank notes from other states which have river rafting scenes suggestive of the Jolly Flat boatmen motif. There also exists a coin on which the words **Bentonian Currency Mint Drop** without an image of him and this coin was a circulating one cent token in the 1834-37 period.

There is little in my writing which you will find as to the pictorial material on the bank notes of Missouri prior to the Civil War and I am hesitant about yielding this material as I want to write it up myself, after having worked for over 25 years in assembling this matter. I do not mind your use of specific items like Benton relating to your subject. Why are you so interested in Missouri currency vignettes?

As soon as you study the enclosures, let me know what photography you will require. We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv
encs.

CIRCULATING COUNTERFEIT

Hello Eric. We are having a meeting in regards to our coming coin show that will be held in St Louis on Oct 29-30 The meeting is slated for this Wednesday 8 P.M. aug 31st at my coin shop located at 1555 S. 39th St Please attend if possible Joe Raty

September 13, 1960

Mr. Joe Rataj
1555 So. 39th Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Joe:

I was out of town when the postal card and notice of the St. Louis Coin Festival was sent to me and I have just returned.

I promised that I would cooperate in any way you wished if you need any additional displays or any work on my behalf.

Would you let me know how things are coming along and where I may be able to help.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

30 November 1983

Rosemary Ratcliff
[redacted]

Dear friend:

As I promised you I visited your stall to look at other guinea and coin scales. The brass folding scale was made up of more than one scale or I would have bought it. You remember I bought the scale you had at the Antique Show at the Hotel. We talked about you selling me more coin scales, coin changers, coin counters etc.

I would like several more brass guinea scales of the folding type, also wooden boxed folding type with maker's labels as I collect the different makers, also the oval box with weights + balance either of shark skin or japanned. Write me air mail with a Polaroid picture or description and I'll answer by return mail. You said your prices would be modest as I found several dealers even at Bermondsey who asked ridiculously high prices. I am willing to buy many scales for my collection.

I look forward to hearing from you.

ERIC P. NEWMAN
6450 CECIL AVE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63105
U.S.A.

Paul Cunningham

Kepczyk turned the A♠N down. Who was the next bidder. I think you once told me who it was.

Thanks for your help

Eric P. Newman
P. O. Box 1x020
St Louis Mo
63178

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 18, 1977

Mr. Joe Lepczyk
Box 751
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Dear Mr. Lepczyk:

Mr. Paul A. Cunningham gave me your name because you had shown an interest in the American Journal of Numismatics (Lot 688 in his February 25, 1977 Sale). I bought this featured lot to substitute a few of the issues which were unbound for the same issues I already had bound. My interest was to try to complete an unbound set. I paid $304 plus shipping.

Now I have available 84 numbers beginning with Vol. 1, No. 1 of May, 1866 and ending with Vol. 13, No. 4 of April 1879. None in the run are missing. All except Vol. 3, 4, 5 and 6 are in original wrappers and unbound. The four named volumes are bound.

The features of this group include the first listing of Confederate paper issues (1867), a positive original sepia photograph of the first U. S. Mint (Nov. 1868) which I believe is the earliest picture of it known, original photographic prints of 1793 cents (Apr. 1869), excerpts from Crosby before his publication, actual prints of backs from captured Confederate money plates (July 1877), etc.

Because Mr. Cunningham suggested that you sincerely wanted these issues, I am offering them to you at my cost. They are in nice condition for this type of material and naturally they are subject to your inspection if you want them.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 7, 1977

Ms. Irene Rauch
[redacted]

Dear Ms. Rauch:

Mr. Paul Cunningham was nice enough to inform me of your interest in 84 early issues of the American Journal of Numismatics which recently was auctioned by him as Lot 688 in his February 25, 1977 sale. I paid $311.00 for the group. The first 84 issues are now complete. The first 24 and the last 28 are in original wrappers. The others are bound. The group begins with Volume 1, Number 1, of May, 1866 and ends with Volume 13, Number 4, of April, 1879.

As you may know, the November, 1868 number has a photographic positive of the first U. S. Mint. There are photographic prints of 1793 cents in the April, 1869 issues. There are some of Crosby's original excerpts before his major publication.

I do not have need for them anymore and if you wish to buy them at my cost you may do so. They are in very nice condition for this type of material and are subject to your inspection if you want them.

Would you be nice enough to let me hear from you promptly.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

Queens County Coin Club
P.O. Box 224, Bellerose, New York 11426

April 19, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter regarding the American Journal of Numismatics. Yes, I would like to examine these and if as nice as you say they are I'm very interested in buying them.

I'm sorry I didn't answer your letter sooner, but was away on a small vacation. My home address is 90-12 215 Place, Queens Village, New York 11428, if you would rather send them there. By the way, my wife bid on all the lots in Paul Cunningham's sale except this one.

As to references I'm ANA LM # 1359, and was the Security Chairman for the 1976 ANA Convention here in New York. Hoping to hear from you soon (If you do ship the books make it after May 1, 1977 as I'll be Security Chairman for the Greater New York Coin Convention until May 2).

Sincerely,

Roy A. Rauch

Rauch's
P. O. BOX 224
BELLEROSE, N. Y. 11426

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 25, 1977

Mr. Roy A. Rauch

[redacted]

Dear Mr. Rauch:

The American Journal of Numismatics described in my previous letter are on their way to you as you suggested in your letter. I hope they please you. The very early ones in paper wrapper just do not come better in my experience.

If your wife bid on all the other items in Paul Cunningham's sale, I ought to tell her this was the only item I bid on. It's a Jack Spratt situation

You did a fine piece of security work in the New York A.N.A. convention and I congratulate you.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

jah

3/22/58

ERIC P. NEWMAN,

DEAR SIR:—

ENCLOSED PAPER MONEY
AS PER PHONE CONVERSATION,

RESPECTFULLY,

Raymond J Katz

6438 Chippewa
St L 9 Mo

March 24, 1959

Mr. Raymond J.Ratz
6438 Chippewa Avenue
St. Louis 9, Missouri

Dear Mr. Ratz:

Thank you for sending me the two pieces of fractional currency. They will be given to a Boy Scout to whom I give Merit Badges.

Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

CITY ART MUSEUM OF ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Missouri 63105

President: HENRY B. PFLAGER • *Vice-President:* ROLAND W. RICHARDS • *Director:* CHARLES E. BUCKLEY • *Secretary:* MERRITT S. HITT

November 22, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

We have recently found behind a pile of frames a lithograph of the painting St. Louis 1832 by L. D. Pomarede, which we own. The lithograph is in very poor condition and is, of course, of great interest to us since we own the painting. Do you know if it is particularly rare and thus would warrant our having it repaired. If it is not rare, we shall leave it as is and hope some day to come upon a better impression. I hope you do not mind me bothering you with this question; but after the marvelous evening that Dick Cleveland and I spent with you last summer, you seemed to be the logical one to ask.

I hope your trip to Africa was a great success. Greece and Turkey were fascinating. Looking forward to seeing you soon. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Emily

Emily Rauh
Curator

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November 24, 1965

Miss Emily Rauh, Curator
City Art Museum of St. Louis
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Emily:

It is a pleasure to help you with respect to your inquiry in your letter of November 22,1965.

The lithograph of St. Louis in 1832 does come in nice condition and is not as rare as many other St. Louis lithographs. In my opinion it would not be advisable for you to have it repaired. I presume yours is black and white as some of them have been colored in modern times.

I will endeavor to obtain a nice specimen for the Art Museum, if that is your desire, as I think I know where one can be obtained.

I am so glad you enjoyed your trip to Greece and Turkey and Evelyn and I will be glad to hear of your adventures at the first opportunity. Our trip to Africa was very exciting, also.

Give me the signal and I will go to work on the lithograph matter.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

August 26, 1974

Dear Eric:

It was good to hear your voice this morning and I'm delighted to know that you're going to do a new edition of your currency book.

I've checked here about what currency we might have and came up with the following typed list of part of our holdings. We don't have any of the paper money issued by the Bank of Delaware before 1801, but I am enclosing a registrar's note which may have some peripheral interest.

When you come, you'd perhaps like to check further in our holdings and if so, we'd be glad to do whatever we can to help you.

With all my best,

Sincerely,

Charles van Ravenswaay
Director

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

CvR:jr
Enclosures

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 3, 1974

Mr. Charles van Ravenswaay, Director
The Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum
Winterthur, Delaware 19735

Dear Charles:

I very much appreciate your cooperation in sending me a list of the holdings of Winterthur. You were so nice to do it with promptness.

I have written the Historical Society of Delaware in the hope that they might have some information with respect to the Bank of Delaware in its 18th century period.

If the lawsuit I spoke to you about has to go to trial in Delaware, I will want something pleasant to do and will be delighted to see you and perhaps check some other items in your holdings.

Evelyn joins me in sending you our best regards,

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

The Boathouse
MONTAUK, LONG ISLAND

July 20th 1969

Dear Mr Newman

Thought you might be interested to hear that I came across a file of correspondence from Leonard Torres 1947–52 + a file of correspondence from you 1951–52

Wayte had never discussed his difficulties with Leonard – I was sorry I started to read it but it surely was intriguing + interesting numismatically as well. I noted some of the signatures were "Personal Assistant" I.P. Wolfe Murray. Evidently Charles Wormser's wife was employed by Leonard. Quite a circle!

I have been asked many times what became of the Gold Abouker Medallions – sold by Wayte for the Morgan Library (J.P. Morgan Coll) to Mr. Calouste Gulbenkian. I do remember Wayte saying they were to go to the Smithsonian but Dr. Stefanelli told me "No" – + they do not know in the Morgan Library. Perhaps the Br. Museum finally got them or the Gulbenkian Found. in Lisbon. Henry Grunthal said they had no information = ans

I gave him the copper plates used for illustrations in the Morgan Catalogue Coll – by Wayte.

Letter in this correspondence from Mr. E.S.G. Robinson Br. Mus.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 1, 1969

Mrs. Olga Raymond
The Boathouse
Montauk, Long Island

Dear Mrs. Raymond:

I was delighted to receive your friendly letter of July 20, 1969 and note that you have been reading over some of the old correspondence in your husband's files. I sincerely felt very close to your husband and he greatly stimulated my research interest in numismatics. As the years roll on, I more and more appreciate the quality of the work he did in being able to balance his life as a dignified professional numismatist with that of a researcher and educator in the numismatic field. My wife and I enjoyed going to Newburgh with him on a research project.

As to Leonard Forrer's activities, I prefer to forget them. What he did to his friends, and particularly to those who helped him, was a basis for sound disappointment in human nature.

I well remember your husband's interest in Pennell.

I will keep my eyes open, as you suggest, with respect to the gold medallions.

[redacted]

I am hopeful of continuing numismatic research and writing as it gives me as much pleasure as it did your husband.

If there is anything I can do for you at any time please do not hesitate to ask me.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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